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PRIVATE DETECTIVES TO BE EMPLOYED IN ALEXANDER ROBBERY

Relatives of Nonagenarian
Widow Determined to Re-
move Suspicion.

INSIST THAT INQUIRY COVER CASE IN FULL

Victim of Thefts Still Critically
Ill in Her Apart-
ment.

Private detectives may be employed to aid the Central Office men in clearing up the mystery which surrounds the theft and strange disappearance of more than \$100,000 belonging to Mrs. Columbus Alexander, the aged widow of the pioneer Georgetown millionaire.

"We told the police to exhaust every effort to catch the thief or thieves regardless of where the guilt lies," declared Attorney James B. Archer today with reference to the assertion that more detectives will be put on the baffling mystery. "That is substantially our request as legal representatives of Thomas W. Hay, trustee of the Alexander estate. That is all that I can say for the present."

Mr. Archer and his law partner, John L. Smith, instituted the investigation on Thursday at the instance of Mr. Hay, who went with them to the Central Office and placed before Inspector of Detectives Boardman the facts relating to the latest thefts, which were committed in Mrs. Alexander's apartments in the Toronto within the past few weeks.

Would Protect Relatives.

Thus far the investigation by the police detectives has been hampered by Mrs. Alexander, who has been afraid that the guilt would be placed on her relatives, in whom she has the utmost trust. But the inquiry will go on, as was the case four years ago when the thefts were reported to the police, as certain relatives are determined that the bottom of the mystery shall be reached and the veil of suspicion raised from the innocent heirs to the \$1,500,000 estate.

Mrs. Alexander, who has been under the care of a physician since the recent thefts became known, was reported as much better today. However, her condition is still critical, and efforts will be made to keep her from the details of the investigation, lest the shock cause a relapse, which may prove fatal on account of her extreme age.

There appears to be a difference of opinion among the relatives of Mrs. Alexander as to the amount of the thefts and the sums which the family gave to members of the family. Likewise, various views are expressed by the two factions with respect to the family feud that has existed for a dozen years.

Family Feud Denied.

An absolute denial of the existence of a family feud is made by H. V. Bouie, husband of one of the granddaughters of Mrs. Alexander. Mr. Bouie, who is a real estate salesman and well known in business circles, also makes the assertion that the thefts and losses do not aggregate \$150,000, as claimed by other members of the family.

"There is no feud in the family, aside from the fact that one man has constantly maligned his cousins," said Mr. Bouie. "It is absurd to think that people of our standing would mix in a wrangle of the nature described."

In reference to the alleged thefts amounting to more than \$150,000, it must be taken into consideration that Mrs. Alexander is an old woman, and very liberal. She has practically supported one set of relatives for twelve years and has been generous with her money. "I want to see the thief caught and brought to justice, but I do not know who under heaven could have taken the money that really was stolen. We are anxious to have justice done."

Income About \$1,800 a Month.

Mr. Bouie estimated that Mrs. Alexander's income was between \$1,500 and \$1,800 a month. He was averse to discussing the details of Mrs. Alexander's private business for publication, saying that he deplored the wide publicity given the case.

Mrs. Bouie has been attentive in her care of her aged grandmother and spent last evening with her, reading the daily papers to her. She would not discuss the thefts for publication beyond saying that her grandmother was under the influence of the outcome of the investigation. Under the terms of her grandfather's will, Mrs. Bouie was the legatee of a large share of the family estate.

Now that Mrs. E. O. Hayes, another granddaughter, and Mrs. W. O. Alexander, daughter-in-law, are on a trip to the Bermuda Islands, having left Thursday, Mrs. Bouie is the sole comfort of the elderly victim of the thefts, she says. Other members of the family are expected to arrive today.

WEATHER REPORT.

The indications are that there will be unsettled weather with snow within the next thirty-six hours in the Atlantic States, north of Maryland and over the Great Lakes, and probably Tuesday in the lower Ohio valley.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Cloudy and colder tonight. Monday fair. Lowest temperature tonight about 24 degrees. Moderate easterly winds.

TEMPERATURES.	
8 a. m.	27
9 a. m.	28
10 a. m.	28
11 a. m.	28
12 noon	29
1 p. m.	30
2 p. m.	31

TODAY'S TIDE TABLE.
High tide, 2:49 a. m. Low tide, 9:20 a. m. and 10:37 p. m.

SUN RISES 7:00
Sun sets 4:42

CONDITION OF THE WATER.
HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., Dec. 11.
Both rivers clear this morning.

GIRL AND HER GOLD BOTH WARDS OF BANK



MISS CATHERINE BARKER,
Seventeen-Year-Old Girl of Michigan City, Ind., Who Is Now Known As
"Little Miss Millions."

Guarded Like Fabulous Fortune Left by Her Father, "Little Miss Millions," as Catherine Barker Is Known, Lives in Michigan City, Ind.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—A fourteen-year-old girl, left to the First Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, with the unconsidered trifle amounting to \$30,000,000, forms a picture rivaling the mythical Andromeda, chained to the rock, with a Perseus dimly outlined in the future. She is only a child, bound by a trust deed, held in check by musty papers and her freedom hedged in by legal quibbles, is she just a healthy child, provided by a wise and far-seeing father with a guardian as inflexible as impersonal?

"Little Miss Millions," as Catherine Barker, of Michigan City, Ind., is already nicknamed, lost her mother last May, and her bereavement had scarcely worn into dreary grief, when her loved father, John H. Barker, owner of the car shops which are the principal indus-

try of that little city, was suddenly stricken, and died within a few short hours, leaving his dolted daughter, Catherine, alone with the huge pile of gold he had struggled to accumulate.

How often he had pictured that moment as he half guessed from the care with which his last will had been drawn. Disregarding the established customs, and with the same care with which he guarded his fortune, he entrusted his heart's treasure to the great trust company whose directors he counted as his personal friends.

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KIDNAPING TRUST BALKED BY FLYNN CASE OF CHARLTON TO SUPREME COURT

New York Police Commissioner Breaking Up
Desperate Gang.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The unique methods pursued by Deputy Police Commissioner Flynn in breaking up the nefarious "kidnaping trust" have opened the eyes of the police department. In one week Flynn's tactics have resulted in the restoring of two boys to their parents; in the arrest of ten men accused of the abductions, and in the incidental unraveling of two murder mysteries, one of which has baffled the detective bureau for eight years. His campaign has struck the death knell to the most daring gang of Italian criminals in the country.

With the further questioning tomorrow of Michael Rizo, one of the kidnaped boys, additional particulars will be obtained about the Sicilians who abducted him from his grandfather's store in Brooklyn. Michael is now under the care of the children's court.

It was through Flynn's widespread acquaintance among the Italians that he was able to lay his hands on the men guilty of child stealing.

This knowledge, coupled with his fourteen years' experience in the United States Secret Service, and the acquaintance he has formed in that connection, has enabled him to reverse the old methods of tracking and catching Italian criminals.

In former years these kidnapers, working under the orders of some "boss" of their own nationality, were able to abduct children and set a price on their return without fear of the police. Their operations were widespread and carried on with impunity, because no one of their own countrymen dared inform against them.

Reduced Christmas Holiday Fare Via Southern Railway, Dec. 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 31, 1910, and Jan. 1st, 1911; final limit Jan. 8, 1911.—Adv.

TWO THOUGHT DEAD; MANY ARE RESCUED FROM FIRE IN HOTEL

Blaze Wipes Out the Historic Brunswick Hostelry in Minneapolis.

HEROIC EFFORTS MADE TO SAVE 200 PATRONS

Policemen, Firemen, and Volunteers Batter Down Doors and Drag Sleepers Out.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 11.—Fire swept through the Brunswick Hotel, at Hennepin avenue and Fourth street, early this morning, and in spite of heroic efforts of policemen, firemen, and volunteers to get out the patrons, it is believed that at least two bodies are in the ice covered pulch.

The total loss will reach \$100,000, of which \$10,000 is on the hotel and the furnishings, and the remainder on half a dozen concerns which had stores in the building. R. L. Harrington, clothier, loses about \$30,000.

About 2 o'clock this morning the fire was discovered, and in a few minutes the historic building was doomed, so rapidly did the flames spread among the old timbers. The hotel employees, half a dozen policemen, and the first firemen to arrive rushed through the halls waking the patrons.

Women in Panic.

Many of the women were panic stricken, and some patrons were overcome by smoke before getting out of their rooms. The volunteers smashed down doors to the bedrooms and by force dragged and carried dozens out to the fire escapes and passed them down to the street.

One unidentified woman was carried from the hotel wearing only a night gown and a seal skin jacket. She was hysterical and was hurried to a nearby hotel for treatment.

Detectives Thomas Garvin and Andrew Crumphy found a door locked on the third floor and kicked it down to rescue two girls, Mary Clark and Estella Withers, too frightened to try to get out. The fire started on the second floor, arrived flames were breaking through the roof and some parts of the building were a mass of fire. On the fourth street side the smoke was so thick that rescuers had little chance to get around, being forced to crawl on their knees through the hallways.

Disappears in Flames.

A woman appeared at a window on the fourth street side, shouted against the flames' back of her. Her room was located in a sort of ell of the hotel. Frantic efforts to get a ladder around to her failed, and she soon disappeared. There is a slight possibility that she may have made her way out.

It is believed by the police that some bodies will be found in the rear of the fourth street side of the hotel, where the hotel backed on an alley. The smoke was the thickest there. The rescuers overcame by smoke but had been forced every door had been broken down, and the firemen were unable to reach the windows with ladders. It is entirely likely that the thick smoke there overcame some persons in their beds, and that they were burned without regaining consciousness.

Man Unconscious in Room.

It was reported during the fire that a man was in a room, on the alley, and the salvage corps made desperate efforts, with two short ladders, to get to that room, but without success. The report had it that a volunteer rescuer in the hallway had seen a man in this room overcome by smoke but had been unable to get him out, owing to the rush in waking all the others along the corridor.

Altogether 200 guests were sleeping in the hotel when the alarm sounded, so that it will be many hours before the police will be able to determine whether or not any guests are unaccounted for, and it may be impossible to do it at all with any accuracy.

As soon as the first rush of rescue went over the firemen had to fight hard to save surrounding buildings. Spread of the blaze was rapid, and it was 5 o'clock before the flames were under control.

The Brunswick hotel had been a landmark of Minneapolis for more than forty years, and although it has not the prestige of other hotels now, it has been fairly prosperous, and is well known all over the Northwest.

WOMAN RUN DOWN BY A STREET CAR

An unidentified woman about sixty years of age was struck by a Georgetown car at Fifth and F streets shortly before two o'clock this afternoon.

She was thrown violently to the ground and dragged through the slush on the street for a distance of several yards.

She was picked up in a dazed condition and hurried to the Emergency Hospital in an automobile, which happened to be passing at the time of the accident. She was unable to give her name.

Cashier Shoots Self.
PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 11.—With all his accounts straight and apparently no cause for committing suicide, S. H. Cruikshank, aged twenty-eight, a cashier in the National Bank of Emporia, Va., lies dead today with a bullet through his brain. Cruikshank shot himself in the bank vault yesterday while all the rest of the bank force were at lunch.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES INVITED TO BALLOT ON LONGER HOURS

Government Employees

How Do You Stand
on the Question of a
Longer Working Day?

Cast Your Vote Tuesday In The Times' Ballot Boxes

I Oppose

Indicate your opinion with an X.

The extension of the Government working day without added compensation as an injustice to the employee.

I Favor

(1) Extending the Government working day to 5 p. m.

(2) Extending the Government working day to 5 p. m. provided the Saturday half-holiday is extended throughout the year.

(3) Beginning work earlier in the morning if a longer workday is required.

BIRDS BEING FED BY THE BLUECOATS

Wheat and Barley Scattered Broadcast Over the Snow-Covered Ground to Save From Starvation Little Members of the Feathered Family.

From snow-covered thickets, where grass seeds lie buried and inaccessible far beneath the crust, numb, famished quail whistled plaintively this morning and hopped out to find that big, blue-coated men were their friends.

Today their feeding grounds were scattered with wheat and barley. And the shy birds didn't have to scratch vainly at the hard crust till their claws were almost worn off, only to be disappointed, for the grain lay scattered far and wide atop the ice.

So, secure in the knowledge that no harm would come to them, that the grain led to no maddening stare of horsehair or baffling wall of "figure four," the denizens of the wild followed the armed men in blue all day for their dinners.

What the policemen of the outlying precincts did for the quail, snowbirds, and sparrows today in scattering grain, they have done before. It is not new to them. And while among those of the mounted force there are men to whom the whirr of a flushed covey is the sweetest music, all of them today were intent on but one thing, the salvation and not the destruction of the birds.

Since the snowfall early last week, the condition of the little wild things has hourly become more pitiable. Here (Continued on Eighth Page.)

TRAMP WORSHIPS AT JOHN D.'S CHURCH

Follows Oil King, Who
Walks to Services in
Snowstorm.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—In this morning's heavy snowstorm John D. Rockefeller walked to Dr. Aker's church for his home. He came in with his wife and his son soon after the service began.

Shortly after the richest man in the world sat down, a tramp, the like of which had never invaded the Baptist edifice before, shambled up the aisle. His coat was in rags and his toes peered out of his shoes. He seated himself, after looking about, a few pews behind the oil magnate.

After the service was over Mr. Rockefeller and the tramp came out, but neither addressed the other. A Munsey News Service representative asked Mr. Rockefeller if he reported that he was going to leave Dr. Aker's church was true, but he could not get a direct answer.

"Young man," said Mr. Rockefeller, "you haven't got enough muscle-play golf, play golf."

"But I haven't been invited," answered his questioner.

"Come out to Pocantico any time," said Mr. Rockefeller. "Glad to have you."

"Is it true you are going to Dr. Eaton's church?" he was asked.

"Great weather—golf is a good game," he replied.

The pastor, Dr. Aker, declared that his rich parishioner would stink by him in spite of rumors to the contrary.

EARLY IS SEEKING HOME IN CINCINNATI

Believed, He Will Sue District for Being Branded
a Leper.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 11.—Through an appeal made to Dr. J. H. Landis, chief health officer here, by Judge Egbert C. Everest, of Plattsburg, N. Y., attorney for John R. Early, who, in 1908, was declared a leprosy victim by the health authorities of Washington, D. C., Dr. Woodward promulgating the ban, Early disclosed a plan whereby he hopes to make this city his home while suing to collect heavy damages from the city of Washington.

Judge Everest wrote to inquire if his client's residence in Cincinnati would be acceptable to the Cincinnati health officer. It is understood that he has written to many other cities, but merely with a purpose of ascertaining, what extent Early was damaged by the action of the health officers in the Capital City.

Dr. Landis replied today to the appeal by saying that he saw no reason why Early could not take up his residence in this city if he desired, but advised that he remain quiet about his experience in Washington. "Otherwise," Dr. Landis wrote, "people might shun him."

That the refusal of a city to accept Early's residence means that his cause for damages is made greater, Judge Everest believes. Early is believed to be in North Carolina, under an assumed name, although his attorney declines to make his whereabouts public.

Judge Everest asserts that his client never was a leper, but was merely suffering from blood poisoning, by coming in contact with a poisonous acid while working in a pulp mill in North Carolina.

He intimates also that he may proceed against the Federal Government also for extending the ban.

Two Die Saving Comrade

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—After having saved a fellow-workman from death in the largest tank of the Philadelphia Paper Manufacturing Company, John Keyser and Charles Aotsin lie dead here today from the effects of the noxious gases generated in the tank. It is thought that Joseph Magrler, the man they lost their lives to save, will probably recover.

THE TIMES OFFERS CHANCE TO VOTE ON 5 O'CLOCK CLOSING

Opportunity Will Be Afforded All to Express Their Opinions.

POLL WILL BE TAKEN TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Co-operation of All Interested in the Matter Is All That Is Asked.

What has the Government employee to say about the proposal that the close of the Government working day be extended from 4:30 to 5 o'clock? The Government employee has nothing to say. The Government employee cannot talk on such subjects.

The Government employee cannot deal with his or her employer through an organization like the employees of private individuals, firms, or corporations have for making their wants known.

The Government employee cannot petition his or her employer. He or she cannot appeal to the President or to Congress.

All the Government employee can do is take what is given. He or she cannot even complain.

Employees Invited to Vote.

For the purpose of giving Government employees in the District of Columbia an opportunity to express their opinions without violating the code under which they hold their positions, The Washington Times invites them to vote by unsigned, unofficial ballot.

The Times today publishes a ballot, containing questions concerning the issues involved in the proposal to extend the working day in the Government departments. Its purpose in conducting the poll is to ascertain and make public the opinions of the employees, who are the people most vitally interested in the proposed changes, and whose voice should at least be given consideration by the President and Cabinet.

Co-operation Is Solicited.

The poll cannot be successfully made without the co-operation of the employees, and this is cordially solicited.

The Times is willing to lend its columns to the employees for the purpose of giving them a chance to be heard, but it remains for them to say whether the poll is sufficiently large to reveal their opinions.

In order to make it certain that all employees have a chance to vote, The Times will reprint today's ballot on Monday. Then, Tuesday noon, copies of the ballot will be distributed to Government employees as they leave the buildings in which they work.

Tuesday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock, the ballots will be collected. By that time it is hoped every Government employee in the District will have possessed himself or herself of a ballot, and will make an effort to deposit it in one of The Times ballot boxes.

Boxes to Receive Ballots.

For purposes of making the collections, ballot boxes will be located at the exits of the Treasury building, the State, War, and Navy building, the Department of Commerce and Labor, the two Interior Department buildings at Seventh and F streets, the postoffice, the Election office, and the buildings of the Agricultural Department.

Ballots may also be left at or mailed to The Times office.

Every Government employee should remember that the ballots are not to be signed. Each employee is urged to vote, but is provided with the means of expressing his or her opinion without revealing his or her identity.

Those in charge of the boxes will endeavor to prevent stuffing of the ballot boxes if such a thing should be attempted. This is not anticipated, however.

To Obtain the Sentiment.

The purpose of the poll is to obtain an honest expression of sentiment; The Times feels certain the Government employees will appreciate the value of their opportunity, and will be as anxious as The Times to make the vote indicative of what the employees really believe.

As soon as the voting is over on Tuesday afternoon, the ballots will be taken to The Times office and tabulated. The result of the poll will be published in The Times on Wednesday.

It is hoped it will prove to be of material interest to many.

This Will Interest Many.